PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-38, without prejudice to their further prosecution in a divisional or continuation application. Please enter claims 39-51 to read as follows:

- 39. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino ac d sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide, or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
- 40. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 having at least 85% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide, or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.

- 41. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (b) the amino adid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
- 42. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) The amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
- 43. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amind acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);

- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
 - 44. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23);
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23) lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
- 45. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23).
- 46. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide.
- 47. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23).

- 48. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:23), lacking its associated signal peptide.
- 49. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209375.
- 50. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 39 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 51. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of <u>Claim 50</u>, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT

Claims 39-51 are now pending in this application.

Support for claims 39-51 can be found on p. 36, lines 4-18 and p. 100, lines 12-19.

Support for claims 39-49 can be found on p. 67, line 5 to p. 69, line 24; p. 73, lines 6-14; p. 112, line 37 to p. 115, line 8, and claim 12. Support for claims 50-51 can be found on p. 74, lines 23-29; p. 120, lines 1-11, p. 122, lines 16-21, and in Examples 53, 54, 55, 56 and 58, and claims 14-16.